

Worship in the First 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah

- Among the days of worship which Allah has preferred over all the other days of the year are the first 10 days of Dhul-Hijjah. Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alaihi wa salam, said: "There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these 10 days. meaning the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah."

- Allah's messenger sallallaahu 'alaihi wa salam encouraged Muslims to do Dhikr of Allah in abundance during these days as in his statement, "There are no days that are more significant in the sight of Allah, and [no days] in which a [good] deed is more beloved to Him than these ten days, so make abundant tahlil, takbir, and tahmid in them" (Sahih; Reported by Ahmad and others).

- The ten days of Dhul-Hijjah include the day of Arafah when Allah Azzawajal perfected His religion. Fasting on this day will expiate for the sins of two years. Abu Qatadah al-Ansari narrated, saying, "Allah's Messenger sallallaahu 'alaihi wa salam said, 'I anticipate from Allah that fasting the Day of 'Arafah will expiate for [the sins of] the year before it and the year after it'" (Reported by Muslim).

- These ten days also mark the beginning of the days of Hajj. One of the best deeds that one can do during these days is to perform Umrah and Hajj to the Sacred House of Allaah if one is able to. The Messenger of Allah said: 'from one 'Umrah to another is an expiation for what comes in between [of sins], and Hajj without sins brings no reward less than Paradise.

- These ten days include the day of sacrifice where the abd of Allah intends to come closer to Allah by slaughtering the udhiyah. It is a deed that Allah's Messenger sallallaahu 'alaihi wa salam persisted upon, as did his companions. Ibn 'Umar narrated, saying, "Allah's Messenger sallallaahu 'alaihi wa salam lived in Madinah for ten years, slaughter [the udhiyah each year]" (Reported by at-Tirmidhi, who declared it hasan). Ibnul-Qayyim states, "And he sallallaahu 'alaihi wa salam would not leave off the udhiyah" (Zad al-Ma'ad).

- This golden opportunity should be utilized to increase in our prayers, supplications, charity and to wage Jihad in the path of Allah and to spend one's wealth for Allah's sake. May Allah enable us to reach the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah and aid us during these days in remembering Him, being grateful to Him, and worshiping Him. Allahuma Ameen.



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